

(d) Yes, Sir.

Security arrangements at stations

†2696 SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that security checkings carried out at stations after Varanasi and Mumbai blasts have either been stopped or the security personnel remain sitting idle;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the facts that the security personnel appointed for checkings at Varanasi Cantt. and New Delhi railway stations remain sitting idle and any explosive or weapon can be taken without any interruption; and

(d) if so, the reasons for playing with the lives of millions of general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Starting trains in Uttaranchal

2697. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI KAMALAKHTAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1592 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 2004 and state:

(a) the details of operational constraints due to which the rescheduling of the train timings were not found feasible;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government propose to start at Shatabdi/Janshabdi train for Rudrapur, Uttaranchal in the morning hours from Delhi on the pattern of Dehradun Shatabdi to facilitate a large number of industries and residents in the area;

(c) whether an additional train can be started on this route from Delhi in the morning hours, so as, people can return the same day as this additional train is going to be profitable on the lines with the present train;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 5035/5036 Uttaranchal Sampark Kranti Express undergoes primary maintenance at Kathgodam. The trains could be rescheduled if the primary maintenance is done at Delhi, but due to non-availability of suitable maintenance time slots at Delhi, the rescheduling is not feasible.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to operational and resource constraints and lack of round the year traffic justification.

Train halt at Doiwala

2698. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense problems being faced by a large number of residents around the Doiwala area of Dehradun due to non-availability of halt facility at Doiwala railway station of the Dehradun Shatabdi and Dehradun-Delhi-Janshabdi;

(b) whether Government propose to have at least five minute halt at Doiwala for these trains, so as, to provide relief to a large number of residents of Athurwala, Bhanewala, Raiwala including critically ill patients for the hospital at Jollygrant;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?